

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Meeting of July 6, 1943

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

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| Office of War Information | Mr. Krould |
| Department of Commerce | Mr. Domeratsky |
| Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs | Mr. Worth |
| State Department | Mr. Spaulding |
| Library of Congress | Mr. Moriarty |
| Treasury Department | Mr. Southworth |
| Department of Agriculture | Mr. Shaw |
| War Department | Major Hale |

Ensign Kilgour presided.

The chair reported that the contract with OEER had been signed. The specific changes suggested by the Committee had been made other than the one in the preamble and the change from "Contracting Officer" to "Executive Secretary" in the clause dealing with the hiring of employees. A few other changes had also been instituted, the major one being a provision for surety for the monies advanced to OEER.

OSS had been making strong demands for a full-time representative to be sent to Moscow. The chair had made an informal inquiry to the State Department as to the feasibility of sending an IDC representative to Moscow, and the State Department reply was not very enthusiastic.

The problem of getting published materials in Istanbul was discussed at length. Mr. Shaw moved that the State Department be informed that the Committee would be glad to reimburse the State Department for the cost of newspapers and other publications required by the Committee and to be obtained in Istanbul by any means deemed feasible by the State Department. Mr. Moriarty seconded the motion. The question was put to vote and unanimously approved.

Mr. Moriarty read a letter from Eugene B. Power in which Mr. Power suggested that the Committee might like to purchase from him microfilms of individual periodical issues. It was pointed out that with the exception of three agencies every agency is now receiving an individual strip of film for each issue.